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The Prez Sez:

Happy New Year!!!

TNX to all the OP's, YL's & XYL's that showed up for the Xmas dinner at MIMI'S Restaurant Dec. 12th. From my view point this was the biggest turnout of club members in recent history. In all thirty-eight people enjoyed the fine food and drink. All the new officer's were presented to the group. I did not hear of any impeachment nor I did not run for the office ! now hold.

The new officer's have several items on the floor to be voted upon by the member-ship. General interest is the financial position of the club. Item one is the rising cost to print and mail the RF Newsletter. With postage rising to 33cents, the nbr mailed is of importatance. On the table is the idea to place most of the Rf on the Web Site. Item two is to raise the annual dues to help offset some of our fixed expenses. Don't panic, if a raise is passed it will not take effect until March '99

We also have a request for someone to takeover the data that will be posted to the Web Site. I have a position in mind, but, I won't mention it here.

The need to have the Wolf Hong ceremony all laid out with actors, costumes and the audio tape redone for the convention.

I am looking forward to a great year for the club to end 1999 on the best yet. Y2K might not be as bad as some have painted.

73, de wa6vpp, Bud
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1999

President.....	Bud Barkhurst.....	WA6VPP.....	774-6361
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CLUB APPOINTMENTS

Club Historian.....	Bob Evans.....	WB6IXN.....	543-9111
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ARRL Liason.....	Frank Smith.....	WA6VKZ.....	838-3180
ARRL Award Managers...	Larry Beilin....	K6VDP.....	557-7217
	Art Dillon.....	KE6WOX.....	997-2078

DUES

Regular Members.....	\$15.00	Additional Members.....	\$7.50ea
Teenage Members.....	\$ 6.00	Optional Club Badge.....	\$5.00ea
Dues for new members are pro-rated quarterly from January First			
each year. Family members must reside at the address of a			
regular member. Only one RF is sent per household.			

Orange County Amateur Radio Club
1998 Financial Report

Category	For the Twelve Months ended Dec. 31, 1998			Variance
	Receipts	Disbursements	Net	
ARRL Membership dues	189.00	179.00	10.00	0.00 10.00
Auction	677.00	591.30	85.70	80.00 5.70
Badges	55.00	32.59	22.41	10.00 12.41
Club Dues	712.50	712.50	0.00	740.00 (27.50)
Convention	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.00 (150.00)
Donations - Received	205.00	205.00	0.00	200.00 5.00
Donations - WestLink		100.00	(100.00)	0.00 (100.00)
Equipment Maintenance		0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00
Equipment Sales	625.00	625.00	0.00	625.00 0.00
Field Day	32.00	330.86	(298.86)	(50.00) (248.86)
Flowers		0.00	0.00	0.00 35.00
Insurance Expense		327.00	(327.00)	(327.00) 0.00
P.O. Box Rental		40.00	(40.00)	(40.00) 0.00
Picnic in the Park	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 40.00
Plaques & Awards		47.64	(47.64)	(100.00) 52.36
Raffle	538.52	528.52	12.00	35.00 (23.00)
Refreshments - meetings	109.47	64.01	45.46	(30.00) 75.46
Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00
RF - Postage	21.44	274.84	(253.40)	(300.00) 46.60
RF - Printing	48.90	340.31	(291.41)	(50.00) (241.41)
Supplies		21.80	(21.80)	(25.00) 3.20
Web Page Expenses		284.35	(284.35)	0.00 (284.35)
World Radio Purchase		65.00	(65.00)	0.00 0.00
Totals	3213.83	3375.22		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash			(161.39)	3.00 (164.39)
Beginning Cash Balance			1463.55	1463.55
Ending Cash Balance			1302.16	1302.16
Paid Members			55	54

Please Say "Thank You" to Your Member of Congress

My boss will co-sponsor this if we get letters from our district, 'said the Representative's Legislative Director as she looked over the information packet we gave her on last year's spectrum bill. No matter what the issue is, we get that answer frequently during the two to three hundred visits we make to the office's on the hill each year. It makes sense. Without constituent letters, a legislator has no way of knowing whether a bill is important to the voters he or she represents. In fact one staff member told us that she recommended her boss cosponsor

HR..3572, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 1998. Because members of Congress get lots of mail but, "hams are the only one's who write thank you letters." If your member of Congress cosponsored HR..3572 (see "DC Currents" December 1998,p15 for a complete list), please keep up the tradition and consider writing a brief thank you letter to demonstrate what was done on your behalf was appreciated.

Give the "Little" Station a Chance

As we approach the solar maximum, 10 meters is finally beginning to open to Asia and Europe on a regular basis. Even so, enjoying conversations with DX stations is often next to impossible when stations on adjacent frequencies are running a kilowatt or more. Technician Plus Operators can't hope to compete when they are limited to 200W, and many of these Technicians are Experiencing the thrill of HF DX for the first time.

With this in mind, the request is simple. Please consider leaving your amplifier off when you journey to 10-meter phone. You really don't need it most of the time and you'll give the Technician Plus stations a fighting chance.

Just two License Classes

Perhaps I'm disqualified from talking about "the good old days". I'M less than 60 years old, never had a QSO Hiram Percy Maxim and got my license as one of those newfangled Conditionals.

Hams did not bicker with each other about who was more "deserving". Nobody got a special deal because they could work a code key faster or remember more electrical formulae than someone else. We all shared the same spectrum, worked together to solve the same problems, competed in contests, troubleshoot each other's radios and generally had fun together.

Today we are sliced and diced into six different classes. We are carefully divided into our own special frequency segments and operating modes. Worse yet, many of us are full of an overriding sense of our own elite stature and self-importatance. (And Lord protect the Extra who suggests that a Technician, who didn't pass his exam in front of a stern FCC clerk and never touched a code key, might have something to contribute to our beloved Amateur Radio service) Scrap all current six-license classes and replace by two new classes: Beginner and Elmer.

Out of Band on 40

Other than disappointing propagation conditions, which are to be expected, the Contest was marred by only one other problem: the apparent ignorance of US hams concerning frequency allocations.

It's common for DX stations to call below 7.100 MHz and announce a listening frequency above 7.150. A number of US mainland operators, including some who should be old enough to know better, were calling on the DX frequency below 7.100 MHz. Some of them didn't even get it when the DX stations announced that there were no "listening frequency" and that the stations calling them were operating out of the band. Another nail in the ham Radio coffin.

The following List is Current Club Equipment

P.A. system, Bob, AF6C
3 el. 10m beam, gavel, Bud,VPP
Club seal, P.O. Box key, Cory, WIU
5 el. 15m beam, P.O.Box key, Ken, HHC
20m beam, wooden podium, Chris, KJ6ZH
50c. coffee pot, misc. raffle equip. ,Tom, PFA
4, 10 ft. tower sections, club banner, Bob,BWH
Blue/white ice chest, misc. guy equip. Lowell, KQ6JD

Minutes OCARC Board Meeting 01/02/99

Meeting was called to order at approx. 8:45 a.m. by President, WA6VPP.

All board members present except KJ6ZH and K6LDC.

Minutes for 12/05/98 board meeting approved. Motion: Bob,BWH.
Seconded: Lowell, KQ6JD.

Treasurer's Report: \$1302.16 as of 12/31/98, \$165 under projected budget. 1998 audit to take place after this morning's meeting at Coco's.

Audit Committee : Bob,BWH, and Tom,PFA

Old Business: All club equipment sales, towers, rotors, and trailer are concluded. Bob,BWH,has confirmed Frank,VKZ, as official W6ZE liaison for the ARRL.

New questions to be added to the 1999 membership form are " would you like to have a hard copy of the RF? " and " How did you hear about our club? "

New Business: General discussion about e-mail RF and Net News. E-mail notification will be sent to members when the new RF is posted. "Freebie recipients" of the RF will receive e-mail notification only, no hard copies.

Bob,BWH, elected 1999 Secretary for OCARO. All club concerns for OCARO should be voiced to him. He is to be listed as club liaison to OCARO in the RF under Club Appointments.

Art,WOX, to to replace Dennis Kimbell, KB6VFC,as ARRL Awards Manager. Larry,K6VDP, to take care of the paperwork. Both to be listed in RF as ARRL Awards Managers, under Club Appointments.

Tom,PFA, to compile schedule of club events for the year.

General meeting: Discuss who would like a hard copy of the Net News.

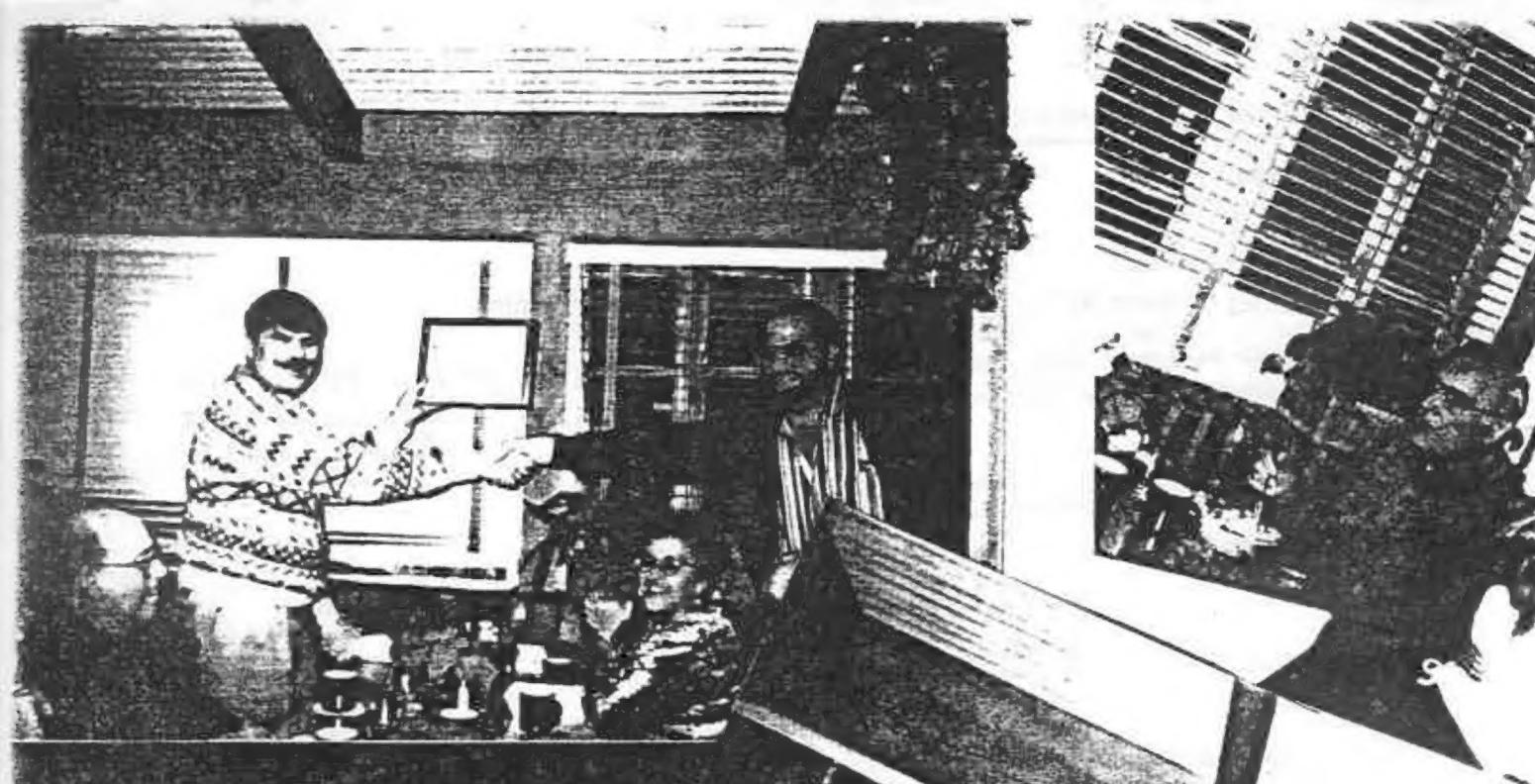
Good of Club: APPERS frequency change as of 12/01/98, 144.390.

Motion to adjourn made at 10:45a.m., motion: Bob,BWH, Second: Lowell, KQ6JD.

Respectfully submitted,

Cory Terando KE6WIU
Secretary





Boris and the Bills

have dinner with God

Boris Yeltsin, Bill Clinton, and Bill Gates were invited to have dinner with God.

During dinner, God told the three, "I invited you to dinner because I needed three important people to send my message to all the people. Tomorrow, I will destroy the Earth."

Yeltsin immediately called together his cabinet and said, "I have two really BAD announcements to make. First, God really does exist, and second, he will destroy the earth tomorrow."

Clinton called an emergency session of Congress and told them, "I have good news and bad news, the good news is that GOD DOES exist, and the bad news is that he will destroy the earth tomorrow."

Bill Gates went back to Microsoft headquarters and told his people, "I have two fantastic announcements!! First I am one of the three most important people on earth, Second, the Y2K problem has been solved!!!"

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

How do you tell when you are out of invisible ink?

Everyone has a photographic Memory, some just don't have Film.

No one is listening until you make a mistake.

No cause for Panic

As the year 2000 approaches. People everywhere are turning their attention to the year 2000 (Y2K) computer problem, trying either to fix it or prepare for it.

The Y2K millennium bug refers to the programming flaw in computers that causes them to recognize only the last two digits of year date. So, as the date rolls over from 1999 to 2000, these computers will misinterpret "00" as 1900. This is either the greatest pending disaster in modern times, as few people fear, or much ado about nothing, as more people view it.

A multibillion dollar effort is under way to fix the glitch. If you have concerns about how you might be affected by the Y2K bug, you should contact the institutions you deal with or depend on locally (such as your bank, financial institution, or bureau of motor vehicles). You may also want to contact your city, county, or state government to determine what actions they are taking to solve the problem. The Y2K problem is cause for concern, but not panic.

Directions to Monthly Meeting (Red Cross Santa Ana)

From south part of county on I-5, Go north to fourth street exit. Go east from off ramp two signals. Turn north on Golden Circle Drive. Building is the third driveway on right. On 55 from south part of county: Take 55 north to fourth street exit. Go west from off ramp three signals. Turn north on Golden Circle Drive. Building is the third driveway on right.

From north part of the county: Take I-5 south to fourth street exit. Go east from off-ramp two signals. Turn north on Golden Circle Drive. Building is the third driveway on right. Or take I-5 south to 22. Go east to 55 south. Exit at fourth street. Go west on fourth to Golden Circle Drive. Go north on Golden Circle Drive. Building is third driveway on right.

Talk-in Frequency is 146.550 Simplex

CLUB NETS

Band	Mode	Day	Local Time	Freq. MHZ	Net Control
10 Meters	SSB	Wednesday	7.30 P.M	28.375*	AF6C
2 Meters	FM	Wednesday	8.30 P.M	146.550	WB6IXN

(Listen for W6ZE, Net Control)

*Plus or Minus QRM

General Meeting	General Meeting is the third Friday of each month, 7.30P.M. AMERICAN RED CROSS facilities.
January 15	
February 19	Major cross streets:Fourth Street and Tustin Ave.
March 19	Talk-in frequency is 146.550 MHZ, simplex

Board Breakfast	Board Meeting is the first Saturday of each month, 8.00 A.M. COCO'S RESTURANT.....Members are urged to attend and Visitors are welcome.
February 6	
March 6	Exit the 55 FWY at Lincoln Ave.,West to Tustin Ave., Left on
April 3	Tustin, Restaurant is on the East Side. (Across from Ford Aqcy)



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